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Report on the 1986 AMTA Archives Project

The 1986 AMTA Archives Project is underway. A five-drawer file cabinet has been acquired for sorting and storing archival materials, and the collection process has begun.

Ruth E. Williams of Kennewick, Washington has made the first major donation to the AMTA archives. Ruth is a long-time AMTA member, past National President (1953-1955), author of *Road to Radiant Health* and *History in the Making,* which is about the first 25 years of the AMTA. She sent a large box full of old conference programs, registries, *Masseurs* and *Massage Journals,* and other miscellaneous items. Ruth's donation offers a firm foundation on which to build the record of our organization's past efforts and accomplishments. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

A major task that we would like to complete this year is the collection of all *Masseurs* (1945-1962), the forerunner of the present *Massage Journal.* Editors of the *Masseur* were Charles T. Williams (1945-1951), Clark Cottrell, Sr. (1951-1952), and Charles W. Brooks (1952-1962). The donation by Ruth Williams contained many of the old *Masseurs,* but many more are still missing. If you have any of the following *Masseurs,* or know anyone who might have some, please come forward and share the information.

Masseurs Still Missing

1945 any copies
1946 Vol. 2, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 8
1947 Vol. 3, No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
1948 Vol. 4, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
1949 Vol. 5, Nos. 3, 12
1950 Vol. 6, No. 7
1952 any except Jan., Feb., March, Sept., Dec.
1953 any except Feb., April, June, Dec.
1954 any copies
1955 any copies
1961 Sept.

After 1950, the *Masseur* was not marked by volume or number, so it is difficult to tell if we have them all or not. There are *no* copies for 1945, 1954, and 1955. There are complete sets for 1951, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, and 1962.

These old journals contain a wealth of information about the early years of the AMTA, the people who worked to develop the organization, and the issues of the day. They also contain interesting historical information on massage therapy; for example, articles on technique, product advertisments, and ads from health centers and massage therapists themselves. Please help in locating these old *Masseurs.*

This passage from the 1949 (v. 5 N. 10) *Masseur* describes the origin of the AMTA decals we now have available to us.

No doubt you noticed in the last issue, in the report of the convention that the Secy was asked to look into the matter of getting some sort of stickers made for the members, something that they could put on the office windows and car shield. Well they are here and ready to be sent out to all who wants them, as long as they last...

Here is the description. They are 6 inches in diameter, with the word MEMBER in blue bordered in gold underneath the monogram. A very attractive emblem and one that I am proud to place on my windows. I placed one on my office door window and within one-half hour 3 people stopped to admire it and ask me about the meaning of the A.A.M.M. and it gave me a great deal of pleasure to tell them about it. All in all it is a very beautiful emblem and one you will be proud to stick on your windows. They are easy to attach, just wet and smooth on...

The cost of these "Decals" is very reasonable... The price is 50¢ each or 3 for $1. We can mail 3 at the same cost as one, so send in your $1.00 bills NOW.

These original decals were of the emblem of the American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses (A.A.M.M.).

American Association
Masseurs and Masseuses

Also available in 1949 were the first pamphlets for use in advertising, "Little Known Facts About Massage." The decals and pamphlet were two of the first member services, and should also be represented in the archives. Please send any information regarding possible donations to the AMTA Archives to:

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